Minimum frequency of controls for contaminants in certain animal products

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/2246 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/932 as regards minimum control frequencies.

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has lowered the minimum frequency of official controls for contaminants in unprocessed beef, lamb, sheep, goat meat, poultry meat, and eggs to the rates set out in Table 1.

In addition, it is no longer necessary to perform controls for metals in fresh hens' eggs and other eggs.

Timeline

The revised rules apply from **1 January 2026**.

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Table 1
Changes to minimum frequency rates of controls for contaminants in animal products

Products	Minimum frequency	
	Old	New
Unprocessed cattle meat (including edible offal)	Minimum 0.02% of total number of slaughtered animals	Minimum **0.01%** of total number of slaughtered animals
Unprocessed sheep and goat meat (including edible offal)	Minimum 0.004% of total number of slaughtered animals	Minimum **0.002%** of total number of slaughtered animals
Unprocessed pork meat (including edible offal)	Minimum 0.003% of total number of slaughtered animals	Minimum **0.0015%** of total number of slaughtered animals
Unprocessed poultry meat (including edible offal)	For each category (broiler chickens, spent hens, turkeys, other poultry) minimum 1 sample per 3000 tonnes of annual production (dead weight)	For each category (broiler chickens, spent hens, turkeys, other poultry) minimum 1 sample per **5000 tonnes** of annual production (dead weight)
Fresh hen eggs and other eggs	Minimum 1 sample per 3700 tonnes of annual egg production	Minimum 1 sample per **5000 tonnes** of annual egg production

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Source: Annexes to Regulations 2022/932 and 2025/2246

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